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TO : Deputy Director (Intelligence)
SUBJECT : Further Comment on 4 May AP Dispatch from Moscow
REFERENCE: Undated Memorandum to Deputy Director (Intelligence)
from AD/CI, subject: Comment on 4 May AP Dispatch
from Moscow

The issue of Pravda on which the AP dispatch of 4 May is based and on which [redacted] has requested further comment is now available.

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A reading of the original text bears out the conclusions contained in an earlier memorandum on the same subject.

A lead editorial on the current agricultural program reiterates the points made at the zonal agricultural conferences held during March and April and in the editorial comment which accompanied them. Like previous comment it indicates dissatisfaction with the tendency to delay until next year the introduction of revised agricultural planning methods, decreed in early March, and strongly suggests that a great deal of misunderstanding, hesitation and possibly skepticism regarding the practicality of corn cultivation has been encountered at the local level. The entire tenor of the propaganda which is being devoted to this year's agricultural campaign makes it clear that Soviet leaders are interested in obtaining immediate results in that sphere.

This propaganda effort was launched some two months back, however, and the Pravda editorial in question is not a new departure, as the AP dispatch implies.

The Ministries of Agriculture and of State Farms are criticized in the lead editorial. Other articles appearing in the same issue find fault with the Ministry of the Coal Industry, the Ministry of the Electrical-Technical Industry and with GOSPLAN. Such criticisms appear frequently, however, and these criticisms in particular are not of a kind which indicate personal attacks, as the AP dispatch suggests.

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Criticism of the Ministry of the Electrical-Technical Industry cannot, in any case, be interpreted as a rebuke to Malenkov. Malenkov heads another ministry, the Ministry of Electrical Power Stations.

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